

Biography

Brigadier General Oliver J. Mason, Jr.

Adjutant General, Massachusetts National Guard



Brigadier General Oliver J. Mason, Jr. assumed duties as The Adjutant General on 22 April 2005. As The Adjutant General he is the Governor's senior military advisor responsible for protecting life and property, and preserving peace, order and public safety in times of natural disaster and civil emergency.

Brigadier General Mason is also responsible to ensure that the Massachusetts National Guard forces are ready to deploy worldwide and accomplish military missions in support of the national defense strategy. Serving under The Adjutant General are approximately 8000 soldiers, airmen and full time civilian employees throughout the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Brigadier General Mason was born in Clinton, Massachusetts. He enlisted in the Massachusetts Army National Guard in 1976. He received his commission from the Massachusetts Military Academy in 1977. He commanded the 1-104th Infantry Battalion (Light) and has held numerous staff positions at the Battalion, Brigade, Division and State Headquarters levels of command.

Brigadier General Mason's recent assignments include a tour as the State Counterdrug Coordinator, the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, and Chief of Staff, Joint Force Headquarters-Massachusetts before assuming the position of The Adjutant General. He received his Masters Degree in Education from Worcester State College and was a High School Science Teacher. Brigadier General Mason is a graduate of the Senior Service College Fellowship Program at the Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University.

Brigadier General Mason and his wife Jane reside in the town of Millbury, Massachusetts. They have a son Andrew and a daughter Alison.

EDUCATION:

Fitchburg State College, Fitchburg, Massachusetts, BS Ed
Worcester State College, Worcester, Massachusetts, MS Ed

MILITARY SCHOOLS:

Infantry School, Infantry Officer Basic Course	1978
Company Pre-Command Course	1982
Infantry School, Infantry Officer Advance Course	1984
National Guard Bureau Position Management and Classification Seminar	1990
Command and General Staff College	1991
National Guard Bureau DCPSS Manpower Training	1993
Judge Advocate General, Fiscal Law Course	1995
Battalion Pre-Command Course	1996
National Guard Bureau Cooperative and Support Agreements Course	1998
National Guard Bureau Financial Management Professional Development Seminar	2000
National Interagency Counterdrug Institute Counterdrug Coordinators Seminar	2000
National Guard Bureau Employing National Guard WMD Civil Support Teams	2002
Reserve Component National Security Course	2004
Senior Service College Fellow-Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University	2006

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. Jun 71-Jun 74, Hawk Missileman, 1st Bn 65th ADA, United States Army
2. Feb 76-Jul 77, Infantry Squad Leader, 1-181st Infantry, Massachusetts Army National Guard
3. Jul 77-May 78, Infantry Rifle Platoon Leader, 1-181st Infantry, Massachusetts Army National Guard
4. May 78-Jun 79, Infantry Weapons Platoon Leader, 1-181st Infantry, Massachusetts Army National Guard
5. Jun 79-Feb 80, Infantry Rifle Platoon Leader, 1-181st Infantry, Massachusetts Army National Guard
6. Feb 80-Nov 82, Support Platoon Leader, 1-181st Infantry, Massachusetts Army National Guard
7. Nov 82-Nov 84, Company Commander, 1-181st Infantry, Massachusetts Army National Guard
8. Nov 84-Feb 86, Aide-de-Camp, 26th Infantry Division, Massachusetts Army National Guard
9. Feb 86-Feb 87, S-3 Air, 1-181st Infantry, Massachusetts Army National Guard
10. Feb 87-Jan 89, Tactical Surveillance Officer, 26th Infantry Division, Massachusetts Army National Guard
11. Jan 89-Aug 89, S-1, 1-181st Infantry, Massachusetts Army National Guard
12. Aug 89-Dec 90, S-1, 1-104th Infantry, Massachusetts Army National Guard
13. Dec 90-Dec 91, S-2, 26th Infantry Brigade, Massachusetts Army National Guard
14. Dec 91-Sep 92, S-1, 26th Infantry Brigade, Massachusetts Army National Guard
15. Sep 92-Jun 93, Executive Officer, 1-181st Infantry, Massachusetts Army National Guard
16. Jun 93-Jun 95, Asst. Personnel Officer, Headquarters State Area Command, Massachusetts Army National Guard
17. Jun 95-Jul 98, Chief, Comptroller Division, United States Property and Fiscal Office for Massachusetts, State Area Command, Massachusetts Army National Guard
18. Jul 98-Jun 00, Battalion Commander, 1-104th Infantry (Light), Massachusetts Army National Guard
19. Jun 00-Nov 00, Counterdrug Coordinator, Headquarters State Area Command, Massachusetts Army National Guard
20. Nov 00-March 04, Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, Headquarters State Area Command, Massachusetts Army National Guard
21. April 04-April 05, Chief of Staff, Joint Force Headquarters, Massachusetts National Guard.
22. April 05-Present, The Adjutant General, Massachusetts National Guard

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Legion of Merit
Meritorious Service Ribbon w/OLC
Army Commendation Medal w/2OLC
Army Achievement Medal w/1OLC
Good Conduct Medal
Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal
National Defense Service Medal w/2BS
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
Humanitarian Service Medal
Armed Forces Reserve Medal w/SHG
Non-Commissioned Officers Professional Development Ribbon
Army Service Ribbon w/2nd Award
Army Reserve Components Overseas Training Ribbon (3)
Massachusetts Medal of Merit
Massachusetts Service Medal
Massachusetts Desert Storm Service Ribbon
Massachusetts Emergency Service Ribbon
Expert Infantry Badge

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTIONS:

Second Lieutenant	25 Jul 77
First Lieutenant	24 Jul 80
Captain	05 Mar 83
Major	14 Jan 91
Lieutenant Colonel	28 Sep 95
Colonel	16 Jun 00
Brigadier General(MA)	23 May 05